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## GAMBLING FLAYED AS JEWISH LEADERS, CLERICS AROUSED

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Moral cleanups should begin at home, was the theme of a resolution adopted by the St. Joseph County Ministerial Association as the first step in eliminating gambling and drinking in the church itself in this city and county. The two practices are becoming increasingly prevalent under church sponsorship, the resolution asserted.

Of gambling, the resolution said: "As far as our church people are concerned, it becomes a matter of obedience to the law. Gambling may be defined as 'the attempt to get something for nothing.' Gambling is nearly always attended by deception and trickery, and its various forms of lotteries, machine gambling, games of chance, punchboards, raffles, bank nights, number payoffs, etc., has been again and again outlawed by definite statutes."

".....we are faced with the appalling spectacle of some churches, fraternal organizations and other civic groups within our community openly violating the law and organizing, promoting, furthering, advertising and carrying on such practices for the purpose of making money."

The minister called on Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders alike to unite in the eradication of the two evils from religious organizations.

### Bishop Bans Bingo

By Conference of Jews, Christians

BELLEVILLE, Ill.—On the heels of his recent suggestion that Catholic churches cease sponsoring games of chance and exclude the sale of intoxicating drinks at church festivals, Bishop Henry Althoff on Dec. 10 issued an order to pastors prohibiting such practices in the Belleville diocese.

### Archbishop Bans Bingo

By Conference of Jews, Christians

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—In a sweeping decree read in the churches Dec. 12, Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, has prohibited gambling devices and games of chance, serving of intoxicating liquors and dancing under the auspices of the Catholic Church in the St. Louis archdiocese comprising most of eastern Missouri.

### Says Persecution To Make German Jews Stronger

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON—Confidence that German Jews will emerge stronger than before from their period of persecution was voiced here by Sir Henry Dale, director of the National Institute for Medical Research and winner with Dr. Otto Loewi, of Austria, of the Nobel Prize in medicine in 1936.

Addressing the annual dinner of the London Jewish Hospital and Medical Society, Sir Henry declared: "The Jewish people in their long history have learned to wait and to endure. I am sure this will pass like similar persecutions, leaving them with greater solidarity than hitherto. I have met and worked with German exiles driven from homes their families inhabited longer than the ancestors of most so-called Aryans. I believe the persecution of the Jewish people in Europe will enrich ability in this country."

## Jewish Leader Attacks Bingo

Special

CINCINNATI, O.—Writing in The Jewish Layman, organ of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, Gerald J. Rice, of Milwaukee, denounces bingo and other games of chance as methods of raising money for the Temple.

"I cannot refrain," Rice declared, "from condemning the rapid growth of gambling for actual money at many of our Temple affairs. If we have to stoop to gambling in a religious structure in the process of sugar-coating the way back to the Temple, then I say the Temple is not worthwhile. It is not necessary to prostitute our dignity or lower the level of entertainment to have a good time. A good clean wholesome program of entertainment will leave a better taste in the mouth of the person who comes to the Temple vestry rooms for a good time than the loss of hard earned dollars in a bingo game or other form of lottery."

### ANTI-JEWISH TALKS FLAYED

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

AMSTERDAM—Anti-Jewish speeches by Nazi members of the Dutch Parliament were met with angry cries by other members. Justice Minister Goseling jumped up and declared that Dutch law did not differentiate as to race or origin.

## Valuable Collection Of Rare Books Is Given Hebrew U.

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM—One of the world's largest and finest private collections of Hebrew incunabula—books published before 1500, in the earliest years of printing—has come into the possession of the Hebrew University Library, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned.

The collection of 64 items is the gift of Salmann Schocken, one of the leaders of German Jewry, who emigrated to Palestine in 1933, and is now chairman of the university's executive council. With the twenty Hebrew incunabula previously owned by the university, the library now has one of the most complete collections of this type of literary treasure in the world.

There are only about 150 Hebrew incunabula known to exist. The first book printed in Hebrew was published in 1475. Hebrew incunabula are therefore confined

## WOMAN STABBED AND YOUTH MURDERED AS POLES RIOT

### Justice Lehman Says He Fears No Bias Movement

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK—Justice Irving Lehman, addressing a Constitution commemoration meeting of the New York Society of the Jewish Theological Seminary, said he feared no movement for dictatorship and growth of anti-Semitism in this country, because of the influence of religion, which he held to be in "irreconcilable conflict" with the totalitarian state.

"I am often asked whether I fear in this country a movement for a dictatorship and the growth of anti-Semitism which usually accompanies such movements. Perhaps I am over-optimistic, but I have no such fears, and the reason why I have no such fears is because I believe that American idealism, American traditions, and American independence will not tolerate the destruction of our liberties. The influence of religion in America is great even among those who rarely attend church."

### Kuhn Facts Ignored

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—Union College students, after hearing Fuehrer Fritz Kuhn defend the Nazi Government and declare "it is not true that Jews are mistreated" in Germany, voted 294 to 22 against the Nazi form of Government.

### Probe Kuhn Citizenship

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON—An investigation into the activities of Fritz Kuhn, leader of the pro-Nazi German-American Bund, was asked of the Justice Department by the House Immigration Committee, which requested specifically that it determine whether grounds exist for revocation of his citizenship.

### NEW COMMISSION SEEN

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON—With the new High Commissioner, Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael, going to Palestine in February, it was believed that the new Royal Commission which will frame a concrete scheme to partition the Holy Land may be at work in Palestine by February.

### Sees No Bias In U. S.



JUSTICE LEHMAN

### Ruffian Gangs From Country Terrify Jews

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WARSAW—The Jewish population of Czestochowa, "holy city" in western Poland, was in a state of terror as Nationalist mass picketing of Jewish shops flared into violence and the district authorities refused to intervene on the grounds that the provincial Governor considered the picketing legal.

Nationalist pickets attacked a number of Jews, stabbing a Jewish woman. All Jewish shops, meanwhile, continued closed as a result of the picketing.

The city was invaded by large numbers of anti-Semitic agitators from outlying districts. These were divided into groups of twenty, each group being assigned to picket one Jewish store. A field kitchen was erected in the city's central park and was providing food for the pickets. Thousands of anti-Semitic leaflets were being distributed.

A delegation of Jewish leaders that called upon the District Governor was informed he could take no action since he had no instructions and had been told the provincial Governor considered the picketing legal. Another delegation was dispatched to the Provincial Governor at Kielce and to the Minister of Interior at Warsaw.

Anti-Semites fatally shot a Jewish youth and with a bomb destroyed his father's shop, the only Jewish store in the village of Czarna, near Warsaw. Police arrested three members of the outlawed terrorist anti-Semitic National Radical Party upon identification by witnesses as the murderers.

### Lansbury Leaves Too Soon

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency  
WARSAW—George Lansbury, the noted British pacifist, before leaving here for Vienna, declared at a press conference, on the basis of conversations with Polish statesmen, that he was sure the Polish Government did not intend to oust the Jews from the nation's life. Excesses are occurring, he said, because of the country's grave economic position. He expressed the belief the Government would not allow anti-Jewish disturbances.

### Hebrew U. Dowries For Poor Girls In Bequest

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

CAPETOWN—The will of Issak Ochberg, prominent Jewish financier and philanthropist, who died at sea while returning to South Africa, bequeathes \$125,000 for establishment of a fund to settle poor Jews in Palestine, \$50,000 for scholarships at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and \$50,000 to provide dowries for Jewish girls rescued from Polish pogroms. Mr. Ochberg was 58 years old.

### RELIGION AS TEST HIT

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency  
NEW YORK—Selection of public officials on the basis of race or religion is "most vicious," Judge Jacob C. Pinken of the Domestic Relations Court, declared last week when asked about an assertion by Justice Herbert O'Brien of the same court that there were not enough Catholics on it and that a certain Jewish judge did not understand the Catholic philosophy.

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## HEBREW CALENDAR

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Fast of 10th of Teveth . . . . .	Dec. 14
Fast of Esther . . . . .	March 16
Purim . . . . .	March 17
Pesah (Passover) . . . . .	April 16-23
Shevuoth . . . . .	June 5-6
Fast of 17th of Tamuz . . . . .	July 17
Fast of 9th of Ab . . . . .	August 7

## The Editor's Chair:

Gambling goes on blithely in our synagogue, and temple despite the condemnation by religious and lay leaders, Jewish and non-Jewish, and the barbs and ridiculing of writers.

My wonder is the attitude and the rationalization of the rabbi of the synagogue. If he shrugs his shoulders resignedly, then will he not overlook other and graver faults. Can he cry out against the unjust vilification of the Jew by the non-Jew if in his own house of worship is being carried on a greedy, vice-breeding game of chance.

Gerald J. Rice, according to a news story elsewhere in this issue, answers the argument of those who claim that the revenue from gambling is necessary to the upkeep of the congregation by saying that, "If we have to stoop to gambling in a religious structure . . . . then I say the Temple is not worthwhile". In other words, which is better a house of worship without morals and without ethics, or no house of worship. Rice says, and I agree, that the answer is, no house of worship.

Despite current rumors, there is no foundation to the report that dice tables and roulette wheels are going to be set up in some of our synagogues. I believe that even the treasurer of the congregation might find these additions out of place. Also there is very little truth, as far as I have been able to ascertain, to the rumor that a city ordinance will be passed to regulate bingo so that one group cannot offer a larger prize than another, and in such a way "cut in" on the game of another group.

In bridge and card parties in houses of worship there is some room for debate on the contention that the card playing is just sociable and a matter of entertainment. Can the same be said about bingo?

## HIGH POST FILLED

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency  
FLORENCE, Italy—Dr. Kalman Friedman, rabbi of the little community of Peruggia, was appointed as Chief Rabbi of Florence, a post traditionally occupied by distinguished Jewish scholars. Rabbi Friedman, who is of Polish origin, studied at Florence and is the author of many historical works on the Jews of Italy and Cyrenaica.

# Editorial Page

## The Unity Argument—Continued

ON another page in this issue is printed Rabbi Stephen S. Wise's arguments against unity in American Jewish life. Some may term the points raised by the president of the American Jewish Congress as arguments, this paper prefers to call them rationalization.

How clearly Rabbi Wise confuses the issue is readily evident when we take into consideration the things he argues against as against the points for unity made by Alfred M. Cohen, international president of B'nai B'rith. Mr. Cohen proposed (1) an exchange of information among the three large national groups; (2) common program for the reinforcement of Americanism; (3) study of vocational distribution; and (4) liaison officer whose office will function as a clearing house to eliminate causes of friction among the organizations.

Nowhere in Mr. Cohen's suggestion is there any tendency towards "regimentation" as Rabbi Wise charges. Nowhere does Mr. Cohen ask any organization to surrender any of its principles, aims, efforts or prestige.

Taking the example of the Nazi boycott made by Rabbi Wise, where would the four-point program as outlined above in any way prevent the Congress from furthering the boycott, or the Committee from withholding its approval. If anything, it seems that a liaison officer, if he were honest and if the allegation were true that two-thirds of the B'nai B'rith membership was for the boycott, might be able to persuade the lodge to hold a referendum or give more consideration to boycott support.

Unity may not be successful. It may not be able to eliminate duplication of effort, but it might do both. It might eliminate the friction between the anti-defamation work of the B'nai

B'rith, and the same work being done by Rabbi J. X. Cohen of the Congress. It might remove the objectionable situation in which on one day one Jewish delegation purporting to speak for the Jews of the United States approaches the State Department with one request and on the following day another group bearing the same alleged authorization makes another dissimilar request.

The B'nai B'rith seems to have done the most efficient job in combatting anti-defamation, while the Congress deserves the major share of credit for its study of the problems of employer discrimination against Jewish workers, and the economic distribution of Jews. Why could not a liaison officer set the bounds for the work of these two organizations so that instead of the present conflict and duplication, the two groups might work in cooperation each in its own field and each complementing the other.

A liaison officer, if this is the one main point of conflict, might with a clear conscience authorize a boycott mass meeting under the Congress, and at the same time approve of a Jewish delegation waiting on Secretary of State Hull to protest discrimination against the Jews of Poland.

Regimentation is not indicated by any of the proposals for unity. All that is suggested is a clearing house. If the word unity is obnoxious, the word union might be substituted. The proposition, nevertheless, deserves to be kept alive by public discussion. This discussion should lead to meetings between representatives of the major groups. The B'nai B'rith has already gone on record as favoring unity. Its membership is 80,000 strong. The Committee and the Congress are adamant. Can they afford to ignore the demand of the great mass of Jews of the United States.

## Comments On Current Topics

Steffan Wise has become a household word.

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Rabbi Solomon N. Bazell Answers The Alibis Against Synagogue Attendance In A Dialogue Headed "I Refuse"—I refuse to accept excuses for non-attendance at services!

I refuse to accept the excuse: "I have no need for congregational life or synagogue activities!" Such objectors are the first to command and demand the services of Rabbi and Congregation.

I refuse to accept the excuse: "I can pray in the woods if I choose!" In joy and in sorrow alike we shun solitude and prefer the company of humans.

I refuse to accept the excuse: "That religion is of little interest to young people of today!" Religion, Congregation, and Rabbi are discussed in every family, all too often in negative terms. The discussions are interesting and repeated.

I refuse to accept the excuse: "That laymen have no part in religion!" Judaism permits of discussion. Its literature has always been an open book to all who would read its pages.

I refuse to accept the excuse: "That sermon subjects do not deal with current events!" Many objectors absent themselves from Temple service regularly throughout the year and are not aware of the contents of the sermons discussed.

I refuse to accept the excuse: "That it is difficult to arrange to attend Temple regularly!" No event or no company is permitted to conflict with Temple attendance during the eleven months of mourning.

I refuse to accept the excuse: "That Temple lets out too late!" Night clubs and card parties generally last far into the night.

I refuse to accept the excuse: "That services are too long!" Movies with double features do not prevent regular attendance on the part of those who regularly absent themselves from religious service.

I refuse to accept the excuse: "That friends called Friday evening and we could not go to Temple!" Company has been refused when other engagements conflicted with the desire to serve as host and hostess.

I refuse to accept the excuse: "My husband is tired on his return from his day's work and I could not come alone!" Wives of tired husbands attend theatres and concerts in groups unattended by their husbands.

## Freedom Of The Press

Abba Hillel Silver To Keynot Fraternity Convention

To The Editor:

A total of 400 delegates from the thirty-one Active Chapters and thirty-nine alumni associations of the Phi Epsilon Pi Fraternity will assemble at the Hotel Carter on Dec. 29, for their three-day annual convention.

The highlight of the Convention will be the banquet on Dec. 30, when Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will head a galaxy of speakers, including Governor Davey, Mayor Burton, Attorney-General Duffey, and the recipient of the third annual Phi Epsilon Pi Fraternity Service Award, given to that Jew who has contributed most to the essential life of his people. The two previous winners were Miss Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah, and Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

The presentation of the Award will be made by Louis M. Fushan, of Pittsburgh, Grand Superior of Phi Epsilon Pi. Scholarship Plaques will be awarded to the ten chapters of Phi Epsilon Pi which led their respective institutions in scholarship this past academic year, establishing a new record, by Maurice Jacobs, the Executive Secretary of the Jewish Publication Society of America, who has occupied the office of Fraternity Secretary for ten years.

Marshall Goldberg, of Elkins, West Virginia, No. 1 Jewish athlete of the year, who was the unanimous choice for the All-America teams, will represent the University of Pittsburgh chapter, where he is secretary.

A report of special significance will be that of the German Refugee Student Committee which will report on the work this past year when six German-Jewish students were educated and housed by the various chapters of Phi Epsilon Pi.

Philadelphia, Pa.

## Books

By DR. DAVID JACOBSON  
"The Buried Candelabrum" by Stefan Zweig. The Viking Press, 1937. 149 pages, \$2.50.

"Hidden in its secret tomb, there watches and waits the everlasting Menorah, unrecognized and unimpaired. Over it have raged the storms of time. Century after century the nations have disputed one with another for possession of the Land of Promise. Generation after generation has awakened and then has slept; but no robber could seize the sacred emblem, nor could greed destroy it." Nor can anyone tell whether it will remain thus for ever and for ever, hidden away and lost to its people, who still know no peace in their wanderings through the lands of the Gentiles; or whether, at length, someone will dig up the Menorah on that day when the Jews come once more into their own, and that then the Seven-branched Lampstand will diffuse its gentle light in the Temple of Peace."

It is good that the Jews have not lost their faculty of myth-making. Our Midrash is a compilation of the legends that ingenious fabulists have created to dramatize great ethical truths. Stefan Zweig thus carries on the tradition, but unfortunately, he is untraditional. The "Buried Candelabrum" is a fictitious account of the gold menorah which had been made for Solomon's Temple. The Menorah had fallen into alien hands when the Romans sacked the holy city, and it gravitated from place to place as one world-conqueror was followed by the next. Finally, however, a pious Jew succeeded in rescuing the Menorah, and he carried it back to Palestine. But he felt that the Jews were not yet ready for it, and so he selected an obscure spot in a desolate section of the country, and in the dead of night, buried the candelabrum for some future age when (Continued on Last Page)

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**Phi Beta Delta  
To Hold Smoker;  
Students Invited**

The Indiana university chapter of Phi Beta Delta, national Jewish social fraternity, will hold a "Get-Acquainted" smoker at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26, for all Jewish high school seniors in Indianapolis. The smokers will be held at the home of Phil Smith, 4463 Washington Blvd.

A brief program has been planned for the affair, including short talks by Sid Seligman of Indianapolis, alumni adviser of the chapter, and Ben Kaufman of Spencer, Ind., chapter graduate and now editor and publisher of the Spencer Evening World. All seniors, regardless of whether or not they plan to attend Indiana or any other university next year, are invited to be present at the smoker.

**RABBI CHARRY TO SPEAK**

The History of Zionism course will hold a regular session at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday at Kirshbaum Center with Rabbi Elias Charry discussing "Factions Within The Zionist Movement." Dr. Clarence Efroymson will lead the discussion following the lecture.

## KIO-A.Z.A. Tournament Convenes In Louisville

The local chapter of A. Z. A. will take a prominent part in the program of the Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio A. Z. A. convention in Louisville Dec. 25 to 27. The basketball team, coached by Norman Weissman, and composed of Art Goldberg, Henry Podkin, Milton Olshevitz, Bud Freeman, Marvin



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When the Indianapolis A. Z. A. journey down to Louisville, Ky., to be the guests of the Louisville Alephs at the K-I-O Region Tournament which starts tomorrow and continues through Dec. 27th, they will be greeted by eight charming examples of Southern Belles. Among these examples, will be Miss Florence Fleigel and Miss Marian Bierman.

Miss Mildred Hammerman is in Chicago for a visit of several weeks.

### Isaacs To Address Youth Group On Talent Night

Norman Isaacs will speak on "What Makes The News" with specific references to Jewish news at the talent night meeting of the Beth El Youth Group at 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 26 at Beth El. A play, "David's Bar Mitzvah", will be given by Mrs. Harry Vinstein, Wallace Goldstein, Sol Blumenthal, and David Blumenthal. Impromptu acts will be put on by members of the group. All young people of the community are invited.

### Ping Pong Season Now In Full Swing

The Ping Pong Tournament is now well under way and the fine trophy which will be awarded has excited considerable favorable comment. Five matches in the first round were played last Sunday with A. Benjamin defeating S. Marcus, F. Barnett defeating A. Nahmias, H. Rappaport winning over B. Bloom, K. Orr defeating S. Crash, and T. Velonis winning the final game over C. Haas.

The first round will be continued this Sunday afternoon, starting about 2:30 p.m. Harold Stolkin, last year's champion has entered the tourney and will probably play this week.

### R. J. Dearborn To Conduct Course In Salesmanship

A course of six lessons in salesmanship will start at Kirshbaum Center on Tuesday, January 4th, at 7:30 p.m., and will continue until February 8th. The class will be open to all interested young men and women over sixteen years of age. It is offered under the auspices of W. P. A. and Mr. R. J. Dearborn will conduct. Registrations are being taken at the Center now.

### Theatre Party For Hebrew School

A vacation theatre party for children of the Isaacs Marks Branch of the Hebrew Schools has been scheduled by the popularization committee of the J. E. A. for 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the Zaring Theatre. The showing of Eddie Cantor's latest picture, "Kid Millions", has been arranged by William Rosenthal, local branch manager of United Artists. A. C. Zaring has given the use of his theatre for the party. The children will be given ten tickets which they may use in bringing guests.

Miss Elizabeth Hirsch is spending several months in Los Angeles. She will return to Indianapolis in the spring.

### Hosts At Turney



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### General Culture Club Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The General Culture Club will celebrate its tenth anniversary with a dinner and theatre party next Wednesday, December 29th. All of the present members were in the original group which was organized ten years ago. They are: Sophia Nahmias, President, Mary Passo, Dora Nahmias, Sophia Levy, Lena Nahmias, Molly Passo, and Tillie Cassella. Miss Rosalind Hochman and Miss Sarah Tuchman sponsor the group.

### GOLDSMITH'S SECOS PLAY

The Goldsmith's Secos Basketball Team will hook up with the Eli Lilly Team at 2 p.m., Sunday in the Armory, for a preliminary game. The Kautsky A. C. will play the Detroit All-Star Team.

The Goldsmith's Secos Basketball Team, formerly the original Buddies, and Winners of the 1935-36 A. A. U. City Basketball Championship added two more victims over the week-end by defending the powerful Wilkinson Lumber Company by a score of 38 to 30, and nosed out the strong L. S. Ayres Squad by a score of 42 to 41. The Secos have won 9 out of 10 games played this season.

### TO PLAY ON WIRE

Ann Kahn will play Chopin Nocturne in E flat and the C sharp Chopin Waltz over radio station WIRE at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 25. The program is under the auspices of the Federation of Music Clubs.

### Ida Hartman Wins Scholarship; Will Play In East Soon

Lafayette, Ind., friends of Miss Ida Hartman have received word here that she has won a full scholarship in piano from Alexander Kelberine, renowned Russian concert pianist and instructor. Mr. Kelberine is a graduate of the Russian Imperial Music School. Miss Hartman, who has been in demand for concert appearances in the east is scheduled to give a recital in March in Schenectady, N. Y. She is the daughter of Mrs. S. Hartman.

### SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON

The Sisterhood of the Central Avenue Hebrew Congregation will hold a pitch-in luncheon at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 29 in the schul. Each member is urged to bring a guest. Further information may be obtained by calling TA. 4196.

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**WEDDINGS**

Dock—Cohen  
The marriage of Miss Sadie Dock, daughter of Mrs. Morris Morris Dock, to Meyer B. Cohen, son of Louis Cohen, will be solemnized by Rabbi Elias Charry in a beautiful ceremony at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 26, in the Travertine Room of the Hotel Lincoln.

The bride, to be given in marriage by her brother, Samuel L. Dock, will wear ivory satin fashioned with a long fitted satin coat with a train of satin and lace. Mrs. Charles Lavine, sister of the bride, will be matron of honor. Miss Anne Adler will be maid of honor. Bridesmaids will be Mrs. Samuel L. Dock, Miss Annabelle Cohen and Miss Lillian Chaplick. Fadelle Ruth Lavine, niece of the bride, will be flower girl. The best man will be Isadore Dock, brother of the bride. Ushers will be Harry Dock and Ben Dock, brothers of the bride, Dave Adler and Sam Cohen. Morton Dock, nephew of the bride, will be ringbearer.

A reception and dance will follow the ceremony. The couple will go on a wedding trip to Cuba and will be at home after Jan. 15 at 275 N. Meridian St.

Miss Lois Shapiro of Chicago, formerly of Indianapolis, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kroot for two weeks.

The Misses Shulamith and Evelyn Rabb are spending two weeks in Miami Beach, Fla.

Gordon M. Messing has returned from Harvard to spend the vacation with his mother, Mrs. Sam Messing.

Herschell Bernard Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Freeman, has returned from Onarga Military School in Onarga, Ill., for the vacation.

Miss Ann Bolotin will spend several days next week in Marion as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ganz and Dr. Max Ganz, her fiance.

**Surprise Party**  
Miss Mildred Lob entertained sixteen guests Sunday evening at her home with a surprise party and buffet supper for her sister, Miss Mildred Lob, and her sister's fiance, Sidney Levi. She was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Bernarth Lob.

Mrs. Shoolem Ettinger will leave Sunday for a week's visit in New Orleans.

Phil Hyman returned Wednesday from I. U. to spend the holiday vacation with his mother, Mrs. E. Hyman.

Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Kiser are spending the week-end with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Anspach, and grandson, Edgar Anspach, in Highland Park, Ill.

Miss Bernice Kline left Sunday to spend several weeks in Cincinnati. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kline, will join her Friday and will attend the Schlager-Goodman wedding at the Netherlands Plaza. While in Cincinnati they will be the guests of Mrs. Kline's sister, Mrs. A. Isralsky.

Miss Betty Farber is spending the week-end in Gary and Chicago. She will return Monday or Tuesday.

Mrs. Max Cohen and son, Harold, have returned from a month's visit with Mrs. Cohen's mother, Mrs. S. Scherr, and Mrs. Cohen's sister, Mrs. A. Miller, in Philadelphia.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 24—8:15 P.M. College students services—Beth El
- Dec. 26—2:30 P.M. Joint tea of Hadassah—Kirshbaum
- Dec. 28—10:00 A.M. Hebrew School Theatre Party—Zaring
- Dec. 29—1:00 P.M. Central Hebrew Cong. luncheon—Schul
- Dec. 30—6:15 P.M. Leaders Group of Hadassah—Prime Restaurant

**Domonts Home  
From Abroad**

Mr. and Mrs. R. Domont will arrive in New York Sunday on the Berengaria after a three months' visit in Europe and South Africa and will come to Indianapolis Tuesday. Ben Domont has gone to New York to meet his parents.

Miss Rose Cohen and Miss Anna-belle Cohen entertained Monday evening with a handkerchief shower for Miss Sadie Dock whose marriage to Meyer B. Cohen will take place Sunday in the Lincoln Hotel. Twenty-five guests attended. The bridal colors of yellow and blue were carried out in the table appointments.

Miss Sara Elizabeth Marks, daughter of Mrs. L. I. Marks, has returned from Chicago Musical College for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Otto Weil is recovering at her home from an injury suffered in a fall.

Friends entertained with a stag dinner for Meyer B. Cohen Tuesday evening at the Homestead.

Miss Beatrice Borinsky of Princeton, W. Va., is spending the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Marshall Sherman, and her brother, Abe Borinsky.

Jack Marcus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marcus, will return Saturday from Purdue for the vacation.

Mrs. Charles L. Rosenheim and daughter, who have been visiting Mrs. Rosenheim's mother, Mrs. Sam Messing, will return to their home in Chattanooga Wednesday.

Miss Mildred Kraft is visiting relatives and friends in Detroit.

Miss Lenora Needleman is in Cleveland for the holiday vacation.

Charles B. Feibleman and Miss Rachel Feibleman returned Monday from Harvard and Radcliffe to spend the holiday vacation with their father, Isidore Feibleman.

Miss Jane Strashun, a student at Radcliffe, is spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Strashun.

Miss Dorothy Lurie who was the week-end guest of Miss Marlene Lurie has returned to her home in Cincinnati.

Miss Jane Levi, a student at the University of Kentucky, is spending part of her vacation in Louisville but will return to Indianapolis Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Levi, for the remainder of the vacation period.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

Weil—Bass  
Mr. and Mrs. Max Weil announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillian, to Dr. Charles Bass, son of Rubin Bass, formerly of New York. No date for the wedding has been set.

Sachs  
In Florida  
Mrs. Phillip Sachs, and children, Arthur, Betty and Thelma, have left for Miami Beach for a visit of two weeks.

Mrs. M. Alexander left Wednesday to spend the winter in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schoneberg and family of Chicago and Mrs. Ernest Levine of Racine will be the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Kollinger.

Mrs. Joseph Klausner will leave soon to visit her sister, Mrs. M. Lurie, in Milwaukee. From there she will go to Chicago to be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Phillip Sigel, for a week.

Mrs. Anna Rabin is convalescing at her home following an illness in the Methodist Hospital.

Miss Fan Friedman will leave Sunday for Chicago to attend the National Commercial School Convocation at the Sherman Hotel.

**College Students Hold Services At Beth El**

Services for and by college students home for the vacation will be held at Beth El Temple at 8:15 p.m., Friday, Dec. 24. Jesse Levin of Michigan State University will talk on "The Jewish Woman on the Campus." Phil Hyman will discuss Jewish activity at I. U. and the preparations that are being made for the Hillel Foundation. "Avukah at Butler" will be the subject of Alexander Kahn's talk.

Alvin Maierson will speak on Jewish students in engineering at Purdue. An Oneg Shabbat with tea served in the vestry rooms will follow the service. All college students are invited as special guests.

**United Hebrew Banquet Set**

Mrs. Louis Kamlot is chairman of the banquet of the United Hebrew Congregation and the Ladies Auxiliary scheduled for 6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 30, in the Schul in honor of the 36th anniversary of the congregation.

Joe Mitchell is co-chairman. Publicity is in charge of Bess Draizer. Anna Simon is chairman of entertainment.

**Cadets Here  
For Holidays**

Arthur Dannin has returned from Tennessee Military Institute in Sweetwater, Tenn., to be with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Dannin for the holiday vacation. He had as his guest for a few days Cadet Jimmy Williams of Danville, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wolf spent several days in Cleveland last week visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ralph Lemoke and Mr. Lemoke, who recently announced the birth of a daughter.

Prof. Cornelius Lanczos of Purdue and Benno Daneman, a student at Purdue, were the guest of Mr. Daneman's sister, Mrs. H. Joseph Hyman and Mr. Hyman for the week-end.

**BIRTHS**

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lurie announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, Dec. 19, in the Methodist Hospital.

**World Tour**

Mrs. Rose Ruben of Minneapolis who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wilfred Borinstein, for several weeks will leave shortly for a tour around the world, sailing from New York Jan. 7. Mrs. Borinstein will accompany her mother to New York.

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## BIRTHDAY BIOGRAPHIES

### Samuel J. Mantel, Attorney, A Vital Organization Member

The United States' entrance into the World War interrupted the peaceful college life of one Samuel J. Mantel, then a first year law student at Harvard, and some months later he found himself assistant personnel officer in the American Camp at Le Mans, France. But not without previous training, however, for he had been in the officers' training camp at Ft. Harrison and served as a second lieutenant at Camp Taylor in Louisville, where he helped to receive the first draft troops. Later he was promoted to first lieutenant and sent across.

Honorably discharged in 1919, he married Beatrice Smith Thomas of Schenectady, N. Y., and came home to finish his law course at Indiana Law School. He began his practice of law with the firm of Mote and Goodrich. Later he became a member of the firm of Mote, Mantel, and Loughry. His present practice is located in the Hume Mansur Building where he "offices" with his former associates.

He has two sons, Samuel J., Jr., and Thomas David. He likes to bowl and fish and spends some of his vacations in Canada—fishing.

Born in Indianapolis, he went to the public schools here and was graduated from Shortridge where he was a letter man in basketball, on the soccer team, the cross country track team, and, among other things, treasurer of the junior class. His college "prep" work was done at Phillips-Exeter Academy in Exeter, N. H. He took his A.B. at Harvard with the class of 1917, finishing his work in three years.

### Kirshbaum Center

#### Drive Set For Jan. 6

Because of the unusual success of the Kirshbaum Center membership drive held recently, junior members of the Center have decided to hold a campaign of their own to attract new junior and intermediate members to the organization.

At a preliminary meeting of organization last Tuesday, it was decided that an intensive selling campaign will begin Thursday, Jan. 6th, and continue through Sunday, Jan. 16th. Mrs. Frank Barnett and Harry Traugott have accepted the positions for co-chairmen of the drive. Twelve teams will make up the campaign with two co-captains at the head of each team. They will interview approximately 500 young people who are not members now.

One of the features of the drive will be the institution of a new Kirshbaum Center junior newspaper which will print news of clubs and other activities of interest to young people during the drive. Posters describing Center activities will be posed throughout the building and a large poster will be placed in the building daily showing the team percentage during the drive.

#### Religion School Teachers To Hold Convention

Dr. David Jacobson, Mrs. Mildred Levey, Estelle Levin, and Marian Simon will represent the Religion School of the Temple at the Indiana - Ohio - Michigan Religion School Association to be held in Dayton, Dec. 24 to 26. Dr. Jacobson, who is on the board of the association, will preside at the Saturday afternoon session.



SAMUEL J. MANTEL

He was a Zeta Beta Tau and on the freshman soccer team. He completed his first year in the Harvard Law School, then joined the army.

He is a past master of Monument Lodge, past president of the local order of B'nai B'rith and of the Indiana-Kentucky State Association of B'nai B'rith and is a member of the general committee of District Grand Lodge No. 2. He is a director of Kirshbaum, the Jewish Federation, the Caroline M. Kahn Memorial Fund and the Jewish Credit Union, a member of the Harvard Club of Indiana, Scottish Rite, Brodmoor Country Club, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and the Indiana Bar Association. He is also a major in the reserve infantry.

### MY HUSBAND'S FAVORITE RECIPE

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½ cup melted butter  
1 cup sugar  
½ cup flour  
¼ teaspoon salt  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Melt chocolate in double boiler. To melted chocolate add butter, sugar, flour, salt, vanilla and eggs well beaten and mix thoroughly. Cover greased cookie sheet with a thin layer of batter and bake in moderate oven, 400 degrees. Cut into squares while still warm.

#### Beta Nu Sorority Skating Party

Plans for the skating party scheduled by the Beta Nu Sorority for Feb. 2 at Riverside Skating Rink were made at a meeting Dec. 12 at Kirshbaum Center. Sophia Gerson and Sylvia Forman are on the door committee, Mildred Cohen has charge of door prizes. Zelma Barnett is chairman of tickets and Fay Zukerman of the poster committee.

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### Hadassah Joint Meeting And Tea Sunday

Hadassah will entertain with a tea at 2:15 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 26 at Kirshbaum Center for members of the Business and Professional Women's Group and of Junior Hadassah. Mrs. Lewis Levy, president of the senior group, Frances Cohen, president of the Business group, and Hannah Leah Miller, president of Junior Hadassah, will preside at a short business meeting preceding the program.

Alice Davidson will give the opening prayer and Mrs. David Lipp, J. N. F. chairman, will talk on "The Romance of the Jewish National Fund." Vocal selections will be given by Helen Kline, accompanied by Mrs. Leon Adler. Also included on the program will be a tableau presented by Junior Hadassah. Those taking part are Miss Miller, Goldie Dichtner, Clara Litvak, Ann Shapiro, Harold Schwartz and Sander Leventhal. Mrs. L. Carl Berry will direct. At the tea which will follow the program Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Meyer Gallin, senior sponsors, will pour. The meeting is open to guests. Onege Shabbat

Mrs. David Sablosky, education chairman of Hadassah, has announced the next Onege Shabbat will be held at the home of Mrs. Isaac Wolf, 5432 N. Penn. St., at 2:15 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 8. An interesting program is being arranged.

#### BETH EL BINGO SET

Jack Klapper is chairman and Sam Hoffman, co-chairman, for the Beth El Bingo party set for Wednesday evening, Jan. 2, in K. of C. Hall. Mrs. Ben Shalansky is chairman of the women's division. Edgar Fassburg is publicity chairman. There will be a major prize of \$100.00 and twenty-five door prizes.

### Social Season Starts With Basketball And Tea Dance

A Basketball Game and Tea Dance to be held Sunday, January 2nd will start the 1938 social season at Kirshbaum Center in fine style and will send vacationing college students back to their studies in good spirits. Four Kirshbaum Center and Communal Building teams, as yet unannounced, will play two games, the first to start at 2:00 p.m. Following the games there will be dancing in the Small Auditorium and refreshments will be served.

The affair is being planned by the Entertainment Committee which made the November dance such an outstanding one. The Tea Dance, too, will be free to Center members with a nominal fee for non-members.

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## A History Of The Jews Of Indianapolis

### Sephardic Schule

When people here think of Sephardic Jews, they usually associate their thoughts with Spanish Jews, but actually most of them are not Spanish, but rather Jews from other countries, such as Yugoslavia, Greece, and Turkey.

When David Nahmias came to Indianapolis in 1907, he found that there were about five Sephardic Jews here, all men. Their families had not yet migrated to this country. In the fall of the same year, and with the approach of the holidays this group made arrangements to worship. They did not have sufficient men to constitute a minyan, or a place in which to worship. Rabbi Stein of the Polish Schule, came to their assistance, and placed part of the men at the Polish Schule, and part of them at the Russian Schule for the holidays. In 1908, Jack Toledo and his family came to Indianapolis, the first Sephardic Jewish family to settle in this city. Shortly after this time, more families of this same group settled here so that in 1908, when the holidays approached, they had sufficient people to make a minyan and they proceeded to rent a room on the corner of Meridian and McCarty Streets. In 1910, more families arrived and it was then agreed that each family would contribute five cents each week for the purpose of assisting in charity work. More Sephardic Jews settled here and because of the larger number, it was decided to ask each member ten cents in

stead of five, and use the basement of the Communal Building in which to worship on the holidays. For three years, from 1910 to 1913, the basement of the Communal Building was used for daily minyons. At this time they then moved to the Polish Schule, where they held services in the basement for the next three years. During this entire time, David Nahmias was acting Rabbi.

In 1916, plans were formulated for the purchase of a building to be used as their own schule. With the aid of the Jewish Federation, Rabbi M. M. Feuerlicht, Mr. Kaufman, George Rabinoff, and others, enough money was raised to furnish a building, located on the corner of Church and Morris Streets, which had formerly been used as a Methodist Church. The Schule was named "Etz Chayim". The first President was Jack Camhi. Its present officers are: Gabriel Caldron, president; Ike Morris, vice president; Louis Profeta, secretary of the records, and Louis Bahar, financial secretary. Trustees are Albert Nahmias, Paul Nahmias, Albert Hazan. When the Schule was formed, a Talmud Torah was also created, but it is not in existence today. The organization also has its ladies auxiliary, and also its own graveyard, which was purchased from the Russian Schule.

(Continued Next Week)

Theodore Dann will leave next week to attend the Sigma Alpha Mu Convention in Cleveland.

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## People And Places

By BERNICE KAPLAN

**Comeback**

Apparently it is no longer a simple innocuous task to write a column..... Since the days when I held undisputed sway over the personal printable lives of our local lights, great changes have taken place..... among them, having to answer for a lot of things which usually have not even appeared in the paper..... However, not long after this attempt reaches the eyes of all for whom it is intended I shall be back to the impenetrable retreat of old I. U., buried deep in the shadows of finals, and anyone with any complaints will have to waste a three-cent stamp on them.

**Doggie Love**

Most interesting among the news at present is the impending official engagement of Roy Klezmer and "Doggie" Leve..... After a whirlwind courtship, they decided they were meant for each other, and the consensus of opinion is that they make a very nice couple..... This seems to be the season for weddings, and many romances are current.... Some serious—others not so serious.... Down in Bloomington, Indianapolis representatives have gotten the bug—Among them, Ellen Caplin and a young man from Michigan City..... Alvin Cohen and a young lady from the vicinity of Chicago..... Amelia Gellman and another northern Indiana boy..... What do these northerners have?

**High Brow**

In Indianapolis one suddenly becomes affected with an urge for the "higher" things in life, or to be more specific..... Music is now an important entertainment feature of the Jewish crowd..... We wonder though, just how much of its present popularity is due to the fact that quite a few musicians and singers in the Symphony and Choir are Jewish..... The "pop" concerts are especially popular with the youngsters.... Saturday night, Sally Maurer, a member of the Choir, presented Fabien Sevitzky with a bouquet of roses in behalf of the Choir, and received one flower in return..... Nice, what? Saturday afternoon, a short version of "Hansel and Gretel" was portrayed at Ayres, and again the children were in evidence..... Mrs. Jacob Weiss and her youngsters enjoyed the performance..... Cecilia Klein played the part of Hansel, a nice rosy cheeked little boy, with curls all over her head.... Mrs. Morris Klein, her mother, was a member of the audience, although she recently suffered a bad fall on the ice, and injured her nose..... Another casualty of the week is the robbery of Sam Rose's commission market..... Somebody ran off with some clothes and a small sum of money. Despite the length of my absence, nothing startling has impressed me, now that I'm back, except perhaps, the appearance of Lester Engle, riding around in a Packard..... the increase of autos among "us" must be the cause of the poor attendance at some of the public functions..... Up to hear Barney Rapp Saturday were only a few dance enthusiasts..... Rae Lea Binzer and Herman Bernstein..... Herman had a lot of trouble with the cold weather..... Rose Weinstein and Herbert Freeman..... Rose has been selling hose at Rink's..... Norman Weisman looked rather wistful as we passed him..... On the dancefloor was Joseph Friend, sans the professional air..... Morris Cantor and Barney Rapp got in a huddle and discussed the times when "they were boys" in New Haven, Conn. Although I was not at the Junior Hadassah dance, not being a member, information has leaked out that the bachelor boys, Lou Jaeger, Ed Cohn, and Meyer Efroyson were very much in evidence..... Now the question is, are they going to continue their butterfly existence? Among the chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Levy..... A brief resume of the other activities include Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Markun, Myron Feinberg, and Miss Augusta Selig at Open Forum..... Dr Louis Segar lunching at the Columbia Club Monday.

**Jolly Week-End**

Prospects for the coming week-end are rather bright..... The Bethel Youth Group is sponsoring a special "talent" night, which sounds very inviting. Maybe some of our more bashful performers will get up enough courage to offer their services..... Many of the A. Z. A. members and friends will attend the convention in Louisville..... In fact from the advance reports, there will probably be more "guests" than members..... But after all, conventions are the spice of life.

**Big Broadcast**

This Friday night, Brother Hal Leibert, vocalist with Jimmy Cathcart's campus band, will sing over a nation-wide hookup from Chicago on the Pontiac Motor company's All-American "Varsity Show." Hal was selected to appear on this broadcast from a group appearing on the Indiana night on the "Varsity Show" recently. In addition to Leibert, other Phi B.D.'s who took part in the I. U. broadcast were Al Rosenberg, Al Diness and Eddie Shapiro. Friends of Leibert over the country will be listening to this Chicago broadcast and we urge you to listen in on Friday night.

**Flashes**

Eleanor Sussman's dog, "Mups", was hit by an automobile late Saturday night and Eleanor was frantic until she located him at the dog pound. "Mups" is now in the dog hospital and doing nicely, thank you. Irving Ruben has positively refused to permit the use of his ambulance to bring "Mups" home, however. So Eleanor has another problem to solve. Gus Domont's car was stolen Monday night and returned by the police Tuesday when they found it, unharmed, in Marion, Ind.

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## Tekera On Program For Beth El Fathers' And Sons' Night

Benno Gundelfinger, known professionally as Tekera, the magician, will entertain at the annual fathers' and sons' night of the Beth El Men's Club at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 29 in Beth El Temple. A one-act play under the direction of Sol Blumenthal will be presented by the Beth El Drama Group. Bob Shank of the Hoosier airport will talk on his experiences as one of the first mail pilots in the service.

There will also be talking pictures with complete sound effects. Games with prizes for the winners, gifts for every son present, and refreshments will complete the evening. All members are invited to attend with their sons. Leo Selig is chairman. Jerome Wachter is president of the group.

**Entertainments**

**APOLLO**—Two first run features that contain entertainment for all. Lilly Pons and Jack Oakie in "Hitting A New High", a romantic comedy with new song hits. "King Solomon's Mines" from the famous novel by Sir Rider Haggard with Cedric Hardwicke, Anne Lee, Roland Young and Paul Robeson who sings three songs. Also Pathé News and short subjects.

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**ZARING**—"Vogues of 1938" with Warner Baxter and Joan Bennett and "Behind the Mike" with William Gargan and Judith Barrett, Dec. 26-29 and "Life Begins in College", with the Ritz Bros. and Joan Davis and "Jungle Princess" with Dorothy Lamour Dec. 30-Jan. 1. Serial every Saturday matinee.

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**LOEW'S**—Myrna Loy, Franchot Tone and Rosalind Russell in "Man-Proof", a drama that touches the heart of every woman. Also a second big feature, "Beg, Borrow or Steal" with Frank Morgan, John Beal, and a million laughs.

## Game And Dance At Communal

A Basketball Dance will be held at the Communal Building next Thursday evening, December 30th, when the Flashing Comets will meet the Trojans. The game will start promptly at 8:00 p.m., and there will be dancing from 9:00 to 12:00. The affair is open to the public.



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## Our Newcomers

Alfred Ginzburger has come from New York and is living with his father, Simon Ginzburg, also of New York, at 5720 E. Washington. The younger Ginzburger is a commercial engineer with the R. C. A. Manufacturing Co. He is a graduate of Cooper Union Institute in New York.

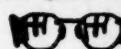
The Ginzburgers have been in Indianapolis about six months.

## Tickets Issued For Silver Anniversary

Tickets were issued this week by the Congregation Sharah Tefilla for the Silver Anniversary Concert of Cantor A. Portnov and the banquet to follow which will dedicate the new Vestry and Social Rooms. Both programs will take place during the afternoon and evening of Sunday, January 16. The concert will be given in the upstairs auditorium by Cantor Portnov and a large choir.

The banquet will be served in the new downstairs social room and will include a full course chicken dinner, entertainment and prominent speakers. It is the desire of the committee in charge to limit the number of guests to members and their friends so that all may be seated comfortably and be served quickly and orderly from the new kitchen. The price of admission is \$1.00 per person which includes both the Concert and the Banquet.

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## Alphonse Capone A Babe When Compared To Syrian Gangsters, Is Word Of Roman Slobodin

By ROMAN SLOBODIN

JERUSALEM—Senor Alphonse Capone, in his island retreat, and other members of that company of rough-and-ready citizens who introduced to the world a new method of doing business, in connection with Chicago's newspaper circulation wars of two decades ago, are entitled to a thrill of professional pride every time there is another murder in Palestine.

Like the operations of Hannibal, Napoleon and other successful generals, the tactics of American gangsters have been imitated abroad. Nowhere has this been done more effectively than in the Holy Land. American underworld lessons have obviously been closely studied by the army of 1,500 ruffians imported from Syria, which since the middle of October has been kicking around the power and prestige of the empire on which the sun never sets, spilling British and Jewish blood almost at will, pillaging and burning.

The organized terrorist "army" has committed most of the crimes of political violence in Palestine during the past six weeks. Its operations at first were supplemented by the more haphazard local activities of young Palestinian Arabs who were mobilized from their villages on Oct. 13. But now that the orange picking season is in full swing, the native youths are for the time being more interested in jobs in the citrus groves than in deeds of valor for Arab independence.

The terrorist "regular" forces are not subject to any such seasonal changes. They were largely recruited from among Syrian smugglers, who are among the most proficient in the world. Running the Palestine-Syrian border is routine for them. Part of their business is bringing in illegal immigrants at 5 pounds a head. Now they are being paid 5 pounds a month for rank-and-file terrorist, and 6 pounds to 8 pounds for petty officers. These are big salaries for Palestine, and enormous for Syria. The Palestine Police Force pays 6 pounds a month to its Jewish and Arab members. A terrorist, after a few months' active duty, can afford to go home to Syria and live as a prosperous and respectable citizen for the rest of the year on his savings.

To maintain this force costs the leaders of the terrorist campaign 2,000 pounds a month, not including the considerable settlement made on the family of every man killed. The finances are maintained partly by contributions by Palestinian Arabs, partly by those of Arabs in the surrounding countries, but there can be little doubt that a large proportion must come from some other secret source.

This matter of finance, as well as the evidence of the operations of the gangs, indicate the efficiency and capable leadership of the terror campaign.

The "army" actually is a hand-me-down organization. It was established originally in Syria in preparation for an uprising against the French authority, which was averted by the Franco-Syrian agreement granting the country a large share of self-government. The trained and fully equipped forces of guerrilla fighters was left with nothing to do.

Then the British Government, as a consequence of the murder of District Commissioner Lewis Y. Andrews, of Galilee, cracked down on the Arab Higher Committee, arresting and exiling many of its members. The terrorist organization which had come into existence in the Holy Land during the 1936 disorders began to disintegrate. The Palestinian Arab leaders who had fled to Syria took over the secret Arab army there, lock, stock and barrel.

The night of Oct. 14, this force attempted to cross into Palestine, but a heavily-strengthened border patrol drove it off, killing eight.

Tightening-up of this frontier merely inconveniences the terrorists, however. The next night they invaded Palestine successfully via Transjordan, and they have their communications along that route without much difficulty.

At first the band operated in the north, and for two weeks there were killings, burnings, wirecuttings, smashing of the Iraq Petroleum Company's pipeline, every night in that region. Then the main body of terrorists moved to Jerusalem, signifying its arrival by the murder of the five Jews at Kiriath Anavim. It is still in the Jerusalem district, but at the moment feeling is running very high in Jaffa over the death of two Arab women in the bombing of a bus at Romema. If the main terrorist headquarters decides the moment is opportune, the scene of action may shift there.

The main field headquarters—as distinguished from political headquarters—is located in Nablus, which is also the field headquarters of the British army. Though the location of the terrorist command is well known, the Government can do nothing about them for the simple reason that they are within mosques, and it fears invasion of any mosque would raise a storm against Britain throughout the East.

The current rampaging of the Arab bands in Jerusalem and along the strongly-fortified highways to the Mediterranean is particularly painful to Britain because here, of all places, her prestige is most at stake. This is the "corridor," the district which the Royal Commission on Palestine declared must remain in direct British control because of its religious significance to all peoples. Here also, the Commission might have added, are the largest army camps, vital communications, railway junctions and Britain's chief military airport in the Near East.

The fact that with 9,000 soldiers and 3,500 police in the country, the Government has been unable to crush the terrorists overnight is no indictment either of its efficiency or willingness to act. This is an ideal country for guerrilla warfare, due to the rugged terrain, the countless caves and crannies, the myriad peasant huts clinging inconspicuously to the steep hillsides, and the obscure villages, all potential hiding places for criminals.

A few minutes after he has committed a murder, a member of the terrorist band, his still-smoking gun concealed under a pile of stones or in some nook in the rocks, has joined a group of harmless fellahs mending a road, or is sitting in a cafe innocently playing kerem. Furthermore, the band never strikes without careful and complete preparation. Every move is planned to the inch and timed to the second; lookouts are posted and a getaway arranged. It is in this respect that the terrorist operations closely resemble those of Capone and Company, with modifications.

In most cases of street killings, the actual shooting is done by three men. These approach the victim, one on each side, the third in front. Behind this third man comes a straggling group of fifteen to twenty. The three trigger men start firing simultaneously. Their work

## The Jewish Dance Is Born Again In Dvora Lapson

By HARVEY W. HELLMAN

EDITOR'S NOTE—Dvora Lapson, America's only important danseuse creating entirely in the Jewish field, has just returned from a tour of Poland during which she made concert appearances and studied material for new dances. She aroused among the Polish Jews a new appreciation of the Jewish dance. Dvora Lapson is planning a nationwide tour in the near future.

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A little girl of five begged her father to take her to the Chassidic shibbolel for the Saturday night festivities. There on New York's lower East Side, while the Sabbath stole reluctantly away in the gathering gloom, the Chassidim, who had brought their love of the dance with them from Poland, praised God with ecstatic gyrations. The girl's blue eyes gleamed as she watched them; her body swayed and her head shook to and fro, setting her braided brown tresses to whirling.

Years later that girl, who was now Dvora Lapson, the famous danseuse and mime, fulfilled a long-felt hope by going to Poland to study the Jewish dance at its fountain-head. But she did more than that; Dvora Lapson danced for the Jews of Poland—interpreting for them the Chassidic dances that Poland had given to the world—and they were amazed, for there is a proverbial impression abroad that American Jewry is culturally too immature to produce much of artistic Jewish importance.

She acted in the unconscious capacity of American Jewry's ambassador of the dance. For, although she had gone to Poland to study, to find in the life of that intense center of Jewish living material for her new dances, she was also able to stir interest in the Jewish dance as an art form, rather than solely as a means of religious expression. Audiences in the principal cities of Poland cheered her; writers and poets hailed her performances; Jewish sculptors and painters admired the beauty and authenticity of her gestures.

Dvora Lapson is the only important dancer in the United States functioning exclusively in the Jewish field. Her chosen mission is to interpret to the Jews and to the outside world the traditions and yearnings of the Jewish people through the medium of the dance. She conceives herself not as a dancer who happens to be Jewish, but as a Jewish dancer. The Jewish consciousness suffuses all her work.

It could hardly be otherwise. She was born into a Chassidic family, living in New York, in which to dance and be Jewish were one and the same. The Chassidic feeling that dancing is a part of life impressed itself deep into her soul. Rarely were her feet still; seldom was she not humming. She attended the first Sholom Aleichem school in this country, where she studied dancing and pantomime. At nine she was already being applauded by audiences.

As she grew older she perfected her technique in the classical dance, studying under such teachers as Irma Duncan, Doris Humphrey and Michel Fokine. But the general dance was not enough for her; while she could learn technique

done, the two on either side rush toward the third, at the same moment the stragglers close in, forming to all appearances an excited crowd, crowd quickly collects, affording the killers a surer means of escape than an airplane.

It is by this method that murders are committed in broad daylight on the main thoroughfares of Jerusalem and Haifa, that Mr. Andrews was shot dead on the steps of the church in Nazareth, without a trace of the criminals.



through the classical dance, nothing thrilled her as had the Chassidic dance of her childhood. She wanted something more. And so, after graduation from Hunter College in New York, she went to Palestine.

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Coming to the Jewish homeland opened new vistas. Here was Jewish life bubbling over. Here was exuberant Jewish dances to be found.

"In Palestine," she said, "I could see that the dance has begun to play a new role in the life of the Jew. Both as a spontaneous expression on the part of masses of enthusiastic young Jews, and as a medium of creative art, the Hebrew dance is once more coming to the fore."

"The best example is the Hora. This dervish-like dance, though only recently adopted, has become known throughout the world. The Hora dancing, with its heavy, thumping rhythm, as if symbolic of a new peasantry, has become so closely coupled with the message of the new Palestine that wherever you come upon a group of chalutzim, whether it be in Palestine or in the training farms of Poland, Germany or America, you are sure to find the Hora danced by all."

She also observed Chassidic dances, transplanted from Poland to the fresh soil of Palestine. She saw small groups of elderly people dance with great abandon at the grave of the saint, Rabbi Simeon Bar Yochai (reputed father of the Cabala) at Meron in the hills of the Galilee. Thousands upon thousands gathered and danced all night around the great fire that

blazed near the holy tomb.

Deep she probed into Jewish life in Palestine to watch gestures and motions and gesticulations. In Jerusalem and in Safed, in the pioneer kvutzot of the Emek, she studied the rhythms of the Yemenites, the oriental Jews, and the modern Jews, their folk lore, their music and their dances. The traditions of the Jews assumed richer meaning. Biblical Ruth, the daughter of Jephthah, Esther, Miriam and David came to life in her imagination so that she was able to construct dances about them.

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When Dvora Lapson returned to the United States she revised her repertoire, abandoning classical dances in favor of her original compositions which reflected the dance of the Yemenites, of the chalutz, of the chassid, of the oriental, the cabalist, the Jewess welcoming the Sabbath with the lighting of the candles. She not only made an art form of Jewish dances, but interpreted through dances every phase of Jewish life. For she found rhythm in the picture of the Talmudist poring over his tomes and harmony in the sight of the Jewish ghetto wedding.

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Dvora Lapson studied the Jewish dance, tracing it back to the dawn of recorded history. Dancing, she found, has been the rhythmic expression of religion. The physical faculties are coordinated with the feeling of ecstasy. Dancing has been that self-forgetful union with the spiritual which is the highest form of religion. King David said in his psalm, "All my bones shall say, O Lord who is like unto thee?"

"Dancing," says Dvora Lapson, "was an important and intimate part of the life of the Hebrews. Every important public event was accompanied by dancing. The exodus from Egypt was accompanied with timbrels and with dancing." In the desert the Israelites danced before the Golden Calf. Jephthah's daughter went out to meet her victorious father with 'timbrels and with dancing.' The Israelite women went out to meet Saul returning from his victory over the Philistines 'with singing and with dancing.'

Usually it was the women who took the initiative in dancing. Records are lacking to describe the Hebrew dances, but a hint can be found in the Hebrew terms for dancing, which signify leaping, circling.

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# RABBI S. S. WISE DECLARIES PRICE OF UNITY TOO HIGH

## Viewpoints Are Irreconcilable A.J.C. Prexy Says

By Conference of Jews, Christians

CINCINNATI, O.—Completing a forum on the question of unity of American Jewry, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress, repeated in a special article in The American Israelite of this city, a declaration made in New York last month, that combined action of America Jewry is not feasible. Rabbi Wise pointed out that the price of unity may be too great a price.

"We must not forget, however," Rabbi Wise wrote, "the word of Edmund Burke, that there must be some proportion between the thing bought and the price paid."

Contending that the viewpoint of the American Jewish Committee, the B'nai B'rith and the Congress, was too divergent to concede of any central meeting point, Rabbi Wise cited the attitude of the three organizations on the economic boycott of Nazi goods as an example. He said the Congress sponsored the boycott, the Committee opposed it, and the B'nai B'rith remained neutral, although the majority of the members of that organization sided with the Congress.

### THE JEWISH DANCE (Continued from Page 7)

cling, turning and making merry.

"There was little Jewish dancing in the Middle Ages—little they had in the days of persecution about which to dance. Still, from the oppression of the ghetto came Chassidism. At one of the darkest moments in Jewish history, the call of the Baal Shem Tov came like the rays of refreshing light.

"The Baal Shem offered the Jews escape from their worldly cares and joy in communion with the creator through the ecstasy of dancing and singing. The rhythmic swaying of the body expresses the exaltation of the Chassid. Wherever Chassidim assembled they were sure to reach a stage of mass exaltation when the rebbe's discourse led first to an intriguing tune, then to a gesticulative dance."

It was this Chassidic joy of rhythmic religion that Dvora Lapson was able to study when she went to Poland in September. She went into the shtieblach where Chassidim congregated, and studied closely the body movements and the hand motions. She made sketches in order to be able better to interpret these dances.

The Jewish press, with one accord, heaped garlands on the brow of the American Jewish danseuse. The theme of their articles was the same—Polish Jewry is amazed and glad that such Jewish artistry should come from America. M. Broderson, considered the arbiter of Jewish art in Poland, wrote in the Neue Volkeblatt of Lodz:

"One of the unusual and fortunate exceptions is a Jewish dancer from America, Dvora Lapson..... the first thing that struck us was that she brought the old home spirit, and without apologetics, of all places—from America. Our own Polish Jewish community, which is so steeped in traditional Jewishness, with its bottomless reservoir of Jewish life, manners, lore, melody, line and rhythm, has not produced even one crystallized artist, one cultivated Jewish dancer..... But America of the skyscraper, sober, worldly, modern, has through Dvora Lapson, like a dove of the dance, sent to us good tidings of

By RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE  
I sought to make clear in my informal talk before the B'nai B'rith Lodge some weeks ago that unity is a precious thing, especially to us who are assailed and beset on many sides; that peace while priceless to all men is ineffably meaningful to us who are so often warred upon by the world.

We must not forget, however, the word of Edmund Burke, that there must be some proportion between the thing bought and the price paid.

Peace and unity are precious things, but who would pay for them the price of uniformity or in the terms of regimentation?

Yet nothing less than uniformity and regimentation is sought by them who are unduly troubled by the spectacle of wholesome difference and the division of aliveness within Jewry.

Spiritually, we Jews are Unitarians, that is, monotheists; but we are not totalitarians nor regimentationists. We recognize the validity of differences in the religious are of Jewish life, Orthodoxy with its traditional and unchallengeable place, Reform standing doctrinally or spiritually, at the left, with Conservatism holding the station between.

Each of the doctrinal groups in Jewish life holds self-reverently to its own faith and practice.

After a century of futile quarreling, each seeks within the brotherhood of the Jewish faith to be just to the others, earnestly self-insistent but together with complete respect for and not merely tolerance of another viewpoint.

No serious person would even intimate that there ought to be a fusion of the doctrinally divided groups and the immemorial Jewish position "is still true and these are the words of the living God."

In other words, even division and strife have their place in the polity of Israel, if so be these are in a divine cause and for His sake.

But there is another side of the Jewish shield, yet another aspect of Jewish life. It is not true that faith made us one. We made one faith, we evolved for ourselves faith in the one Living God, but there are broad segments of Jewish life untouched by faith or doctrine which touches the inner life, and these are the areas wherein are to be met our reactions to life about us, the life of our dominantly non-Jewish environment. Here there is no call for unity, for here we touch that sector of life wherein our reactions without surrender must be in key or tune with our day and environment and the atmosphere of the country wherein we live.

Peace and fellowship and brotherhood ought to obtain within Jewish life, but there cannot be between all Jews oneness of viewpoint in matters wholly unrelated to Jewish things.

Who would ask me to surrender my completely democratic viewpoint, which is precious to me almost in the measure in which my faith is precious to me, because some other group of Jews cost of the conscience and the inis anti-democratic or fascist? Jewish unity may also be at the ner-most ideals of the individual Jew.

United we must stand in behalf of Jewish interests as long as we can remain true to our own convictions. The American Jewish Committee could not be divorced from its anti-Nazi boycott viewpoint. The B'nai B'rith remains nominally and technically neutral with respect to the anti-Nazi boycott, though I believe that two-thirds of the membership of the B'nai B'rith sided with the Congress in its unneutral resistance to Nazism in the form of organized and collective refusal to touch Nazi wares or services.

The American Jewish Congress believed and continues to believe in that non-violent form of moral and economic resistance which is the boycott. The Congress would not, could not, did not surrender its viewpoint. Neither did the American Jewish Committee. No group of earnest Jews can be expected to surrender the deepest convictions of its political life for the sake of that peace for which too great a price may be paid.

### BOOKS

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the Jews would have a place in the sun.

Stefan Zweig's conception of Israel's place among the nations, you can see, is a very pessimistic one. He feels that Israel can never light the Menorah except in Palestine, and until that time comes, we are destined to grope in darkness. Who can agree with the fatalist pessim-

old-Jewish beauty in the form of dance. Wonderful are your ways, o Jewish art!"

The Jewish dance ambassador has returned now from her goodwill tour. She came back with her mind seething with images of new dances, and she had planted in the mind of Polish Jewry a new appreciation of the dance. She has begun work on a book on the Jewish dance. And the images in her mind are being worked into new dances which will be shown to American Jewry when Dvora Lapson embarks on a nation-wide tour in the near future.

mism? Unlike Isaiah, who, in the name of God, adjures Israel to act as a light for the nations, to open the blind eyes, Zweig thinks that our light has gone out since the destruction of the Temple, and that we are blinded among the nations.

Zweig is an author of consummate skill; his "Jeremiah" for example is perhaps the finest work of literary art that a Jew has produced in this generation. He writes with a sensitive appreciation of imagery and idea. Yet this work will remain the buried "Buried Candelabrum". It will not endure like his "Jeremiah" because it lacks prophetic truth. Still, it should be read as an example of fine craftsmanship.

One of the characters of this book, a capable goldsmith, skillfully duplicated the real Menorah, and exchanged the counterfeit for the genuine one. The Jews, according to the story, retained the real lampstand, but buried it; and gave the spurious Menorah to the goyim. It is unfortunate that the craftsman Zweig has kept the new and the less important, and neglected the old and the real.

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STEPHEN S. WISE

## Brin Reappointed To School Board

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BOSTON, Mass.—Governor Hurley administered the oath of office to Alexander Brin, editor and publisher of the Boston Jewish Advocate, whose reappointment to the Massachusetts State Advisory Board of Education by the Governor was unanimously confirmed by the Governor's Council. Mr. Brin will serve another three-year term. The post pays no salary.

Mr. Brin has been one of the outstanding members of the Massachusetts Board of Education for the past few years. In addition to the regular duties imposed on the membership of the Board, he is also a member of the Massachusetts Committee created by the National Educational Association for the study of the existing laws pertaining to the needs of adult education.

### PLANT EXPERT DIES

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—Dr. Jacob J. Taubehaus, Palestine-born plant pathologist at Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College whose work was instrumental in controlling cotton root rot, died last week at the age of 53, after several months' illness. He was

## Immigration Of Jews From Holy Land Admitted

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency  
JERUSALEM—A marked movement of Jewish population away from Palestine, in progress for more than two years, is revealed by analysis of Government migration statistics by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

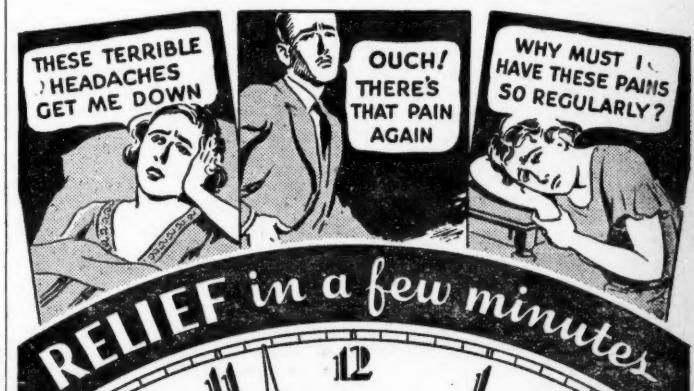
In the twenty-two months from the beginning of 1936 to the end of October, 1937, 9,000 Jewish residents of the Holy Land left for abroad and did not return, according to the official figures. The total from the beginning of 1935 through October, 1937, was 11,157.

While the Government has no statistics available as to the present whereabouts of these absentees, what facts it has at hand indicate that the United States was a favored destination, that considerable numbers have gone to Brazil and to Russia, and that many have returned to Poland, Rumania and even Germany.

The movement reached such proportions that during April, May and June of this year the Jewish population diminished by 3,306. This loss has been made up since by the influx of those returning from Summer trips abroad, but the Government total for the number of Jews in Palestine increased by only 114 for the first nine months of 1937, to 389,504. There was thus a slight decline in the percentage of Jews to the entire population, which totaled 1,356,518 in 1936.

The cause of the outward drift appears to lie mainly in the economic crisis which has continued in Palestine for more than two years, with the attendant hardships for the Jewish population, although the Arab terrorist campaign seems to have had a secondary effect. The movement gained impetus to a marked degree after the start of the Italo-Ethiopian War, which caused withdrawal of large amounts of capital from Palestine, hampered trade and thus increased the economic difficulties.

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